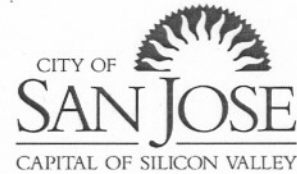


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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Councilmember Dave Cortese

SUBJECT: Request for Deferral

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I request deferral of the Evergreen Visioning Project/Smart Growth Strategy item to the 5/17/05 Evening City Council Meeting.

Although proposals have been presented towards reaching a compromise on this matter and they may be of merit, there is not enough time before the 5/3/05 Evening City Council Meeting to hold a meaningful two-way dialogue with the community to gain their insight.

The Evergreen Visioning Project Task Force has worked extremely diligently on this process. To restructure 20 months of community work based on nothing more than internal discussions between a limited number of office holders outside of the public view would be a further betrayal of the public process. Given the City Council's emphasis on the importance of community outreach during the 4/19/05 Council Meeting, there is inadequate time for proper public dissemination and dialogue between now and Tuesday.

Thank you.